

Sufficient allocations required to resolve manpower issue in govt healthcare services, says MMA

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) requires adequate funding to address manpower shortages in government healthcare services nationwide.

The funds were required to train doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other allied health staff.

Its president Dr Koh Kar Chai said developing efficient staff would be critical in tackling long-term healthcare concerns.

"We have the numbers for doctors, but it will take years to develop them into a specialised workforce.

"As grateful as we are to the prime minister for recognising the need for extra funds to be given in the yearly health budget, we are hopeful that the percentage increase will be large enough to fix the manpower issue.

"Infrastructure investment is necessary, but we've seen that there is a workforce shortage that must be dealt with right away," he said.

Dr Koh proposed that the yearly budget increase should be used to absorb more employees into the service and focus should also be on training them as much as the construction of infrastructure.

"We want to see a significant increase in the proportion of the health budget to launch the reforms that our health system needs," he added.